

DIANA WALLIS PARLIAMENTARY ALLOWANCES 2008

Travel

Members are entitled to a travel and subsistence allowance in respect of the days on which they participate in meetings of official Parliament bodies. Such participation must be attested by signing either the attendance register open in the meeting room, or, during part-sessions in Strasbourg and Brussels, the attendance register in the Chamber.

Diana Wallis' total allowance for travel in 2008 was €72825.01. This includes weekly travel to and from Strasbourg (twelve times a year) and/or Brussels, and travel and hotel on delegations and speaking engagements around Europe and beyond. It also includes the use of taxis.

Diana Wallis' outside engagements: 2008

As Vice- President of the European Parliament:

28-29 February: STANDING COMMITTEE OF PARLIAMENTARIANS OF THE ARCTIC REGION (SCPAR), Rovaniemi, Finland

30 March -3 April: Washington DC, USA, As a member of the European Parliament's Reform Working Group to look at Congress and Senate working practices and organisation.

10-12 July: To speak on behalf of the European Parliament at the remembrance ceremony of the genocide at Srebrenica, Bosnia Herzegovina.

10-16 August: To attend SCPAR meeting in Fairbanks, Alaska.

9-11 September: To attend Nordic Council of Ministers Arctic Conference, Ilulissat, Greenland.

27-28 October: To attend European Law Academy (ERA) Governing Board Meeting, Trier, Germany.

4 December: To speak on behalf of the European Parliament at the inauguration of the new European Court of Justice building, Luxembourg.

As a member of the Legal Affairs Committee:

6-7 March: To speak at European Academy of Law (ERA) Conference on Contract Law, Trier, Germany.

28-29 April: To speak at a ERA Conference in Ljubljana, Slovenia, on Contract Law.

1-2 June: To speak at a Slovenian Presidency conference on e-justice, Portoroz, Slovenia

21-22 July: To speak at a French Presidency conference on European Judicial Training, Bordeaux, France.

1-2 October: To speak at a French Presidency Conference on e-justice, Dijon, France.

9-10 October: To speak at ERA Conference on the consumer acquis, Trier, Germany.

13 October: Legal Affairs Committee meeting with Judges from the European Court of Justice, Luxembourg.

23-24 October: To speak at a French Presidency Conference on contract law, Paris, France.

30-31 October: To speak at a ERA Conference on collective redress, Florence, Italy.

6 December: To speak at a French Presidency Conference on the consumer acquis, Paris, France.

As a member of the Switzerland, Iceland and Norway Delegation:

26-28 October: To speak on the Northern Dimension and attend the 60th Nordic Council meeting, Helsinki, Finland.

As a Member of the ALDE Group:

1-3 July: ALDE Study days in Tallinn, Estonia.

By Invitation:

13-17 March: West Bank, Occupied Palestinian Territories. To give a lecture to Law students at Birzeit University and to meet with elected representatives and lawyers in Ramallah, Hebron and Qalqilia.

16-18 April: To give a speech *A reformed EU but missing Iceland?*

Speech at the Institute of International Affairs, Centre for Small State Studies, University of Iceland, Haskolatorg, 101 Reykjavik.

Also to meet with elected representatives and members of the business community.

5-6 June: To give a speech at a PEOPIL legal Conference on collective redress and limitation periods, Valencia, Spain

15-16 June: To speak at the European Parliament Information Office for Slovenia's Conference on eEU, Bled, Slovenia.

Subsistence

In 2008, Diana Wallis received a further €40 754 as a daily subsistence allowance to cover accommodation in Brussels and Strasbourg. This equates to €298 per day of participation in meetings of official Parliament bodies (as at 1 January 2009).

General Expenditure

Members receive a flat-rate allowance of up to €4052 per month (as at 1 January 2008) (€4202 per month as at 1 January 2009) which is chiefly intended to cover office management expenditure, phone bills, postage, the purchase, management and

use of IT equipment, and travel by Members within their own Member State. In accordance with the LDEPP Guidance Note on Use of Members' Allowances, an independent annual account of this allowance covering the year 2008 has been produced and filed with the delegation whip, Sharon Bowles, following an independent audit. A summary of this account can be found here.

| Office and General Expenditure Account - Year 2008 | |
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| Travel Expenses | £3,925.75 |
| Office Management Costs | £9,401.95 |
| Office Equipment | £0.00 |
| Telephone and Postage | £9,394.47 |
| Office Supplies | £3,039.83 |
| Printing, Books & Subscriptions, Newspapers and Publications | £2,361.58 |
| Internet | £979.87 |
| IT Hardware & Software | £1,639.82 |
| Total Expenditure for 2008 | £30,743.27 |

Staff

Each Member is entitled to a parliamentary assistance allowance to cover expenses arising out of the employment or use of the services of one or more assistants whom the Member may choose. The parliamentary assistance allowance for 2008 was €16 914 per month of which Diana Wallis has left a total of €11 418.26 unclaimed. This money was used to pay salaries and expenses of 1 full-time and 1 part-time assistant in the constituency; 1 full-time and 1 part-time assistant in Brussels; and 1 further assistant working between the two locations. One of Diana's assistants is her husband Stewart Arnold (please see her Declaration of Financial Interests for 2008 on her Transparency page). He is employed on a salary band of £20-25,000 gross for the UK 2008 tax year.

During the course of the year, Diana Wallis also used this allowance to pay 1 trainee from Hull University. She also has a further Brussels-based assistant specifically assigned to assist her in her responsibility as a Vice-President of Parliament who is paid directly by Parliament as a temporary agent.

Diana Wallis' staff's salaries are not dealt with by herself. Rather, they are handled either by an independent Brussels notary or an independent paying agent in the constituency who receive the allowance from Parliament, make payments to staff, and produce a yearly account to Parliament's services.